

# Supplement to the Crittenden Record-Press of October 5th

## DAM BROKE

### One Hundred And Fifty Lives Lost By Breaking of Dam at Austin, Pa.

Austin, Pa., Sept., 30. — Possibly 150 persons, most of them women and children, are dead tonight their bodies being scattered through the valley by the fall of water, 50 feet high, that dashed down Freeman's Run this afternoon, from the broken dam of the Ba-less pulp mill, and snuffed out this little city.

The deluge was followed by fire.

Austin is a wreck, the living hardly able to seek the dead.

Nearly every survivor suffered a broken limb or strain or wound. The flood crushed nearly everyone of the 500 houses.

No warning came except a roar, then the shock of the flood, a crash of timbers, then screams and fear.

On the crest of the wave rode thousand of cords of pulp mill timber. This hit houses and stores like a succession of battering rams. It riddled the frame homes of the workers like canister and struck into unconsciousness the terror-stricken people seeking to swim the flood to safety.

The water passed the city wall two miles in length.

The course from the creek was down the valley of the Sinnema honing river.

Along the the banks hundreds of houses this evening were either covered or wrecked by the swollen river.

Costell Hallet, three miles south, was also wrecked, but timely work from Austin saved most of the lives there.

The pulp mill, a half mile north of Austin, was torn from its foundation, with its great piles of logs, and doubled back upon the city.

The Gordyear Lumber company had 7,000,000 feet of lumber stored at the outskirts of the city. This added to the great log-water battering ram which formed the apex of the flood. The planing mill, hotel and a store building fell before the hammering.

The churches were left standing.

The long barbed wire fence along the creek cut off the escape of two score who survived the

first onslaught.

When the flood passed, rescuers found bodies in the fence terribly torn. Many bodies were recovered five miles below.

Rescuing parties are busy fighting flames tonight to save the bodies buried in the debris from incineration.

Many were imprisoned in houses washed on to high ground, but soon licked up within the fire zone.

The fire departments from Smithport, Codersport, Bradford and Keating Summit rushed here to fight the flames.

The wreck of buildings left the gas mains open and the flames spread rapidly.

The hospital was soon filled with the injured, and bodies were piled in rows on the lawn.

Twice trains from Keating Summit carried food and clothing, doctors and nurses into the destroyed town and brought the injured to the lawn. The hospital on the hill escaped the flood.

The dam was modern concrete, supposed to be the most substantial in this part of Pennsylvania, until a year ago, when the bed was found to be weak. It was extensively repaired then and no further uneasiness was felt. The recent rains caused added pressure which is supposed to be responsible for the break.

Bowkers fertilizer,

R. H. Kemp, agent.

Jesse Olive and son, Raymond, were in Tolu last week installing water systems for the citizens of that community. Their system is one of the best known for rural communities where city conveniences are desired.

J. C. Bibb, wife and two children left Saturday for Washington D. C. after spending the month of Sept., here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Bibb, and his sister, Mrs. Herbert Morris and her family, and his brother Leslie Bibb and wife. He has a splendid position there in the Treasury Department.

County Judge J. W. Blue has called an election for a surveyor of Crittenden County. Lucian LaRue was appointed to serve until the next general election, when J. E. Sullenger resigned to make the race for County Judge. We have not heard of any candidates but presume some will offer.

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J. J. Martin, the Sullivan planter and capitalist, passed through here Wednesday with 100 head of fat cattle which he purchased in the southern section of the county near the Cumberland river. There were sixty cows and calves and forty head of fat steers and they were a beautiful lot, and represented a pretty bunch of money.

Rev. T. N. Compton, of Owensboro, was here Friday and Saturday to visit his friend, Rev. J. S. Henry.

Rev. John S. Henry is unimproved and is gradually growing weaker. His friends however, have not ceased to hope that his robust constitution will pull him through.

D. C. Roberts, of Golconda, Ill., who arrived several days ago to visit his son, George P. Roberts, on Walker street, has been indisposed and it is said, is threatened with malarial fever.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Orme, family and chauffeur will leave this morning for Paducah to attend the horse show and other festivities which are being observed in the "Purchase Metropolis" this week.

Albert Craig of the Hebron Section died Sunday morning Oct 1st, 1911 of pneumonia and typhoid fever. He was 14 years of age. Next week we will publish a memorial from his teacher.

Mrs. D. C. Roberts of Chicago arrived this week to be the guest of her son Geo. P. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson and children will leave today for Paducah to attend the horse show. They will go in their automobile.

Dr. Mather returned home on Monday afternoon from Greenville, Ky., where he had been in attendance upon the annual session of the Louisville Conference. After a couple of days here he will leave for St. Louis, Chicago, and Tronto, Canada, where he will attend the Ecumenical Conference of world-wide Methodism which begins its sessions today and continues for two weeks. The doctor will return by way of New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Indianapolis, in all of which places he has a number of

friends with whom he will make brief visits.

W. W. Whitfield and wife, who have been guests at the Gill House while he was employed at the Ice plant, will leave soon as the ice manufacturing season is over.

Mrs. Q. M. Conyer arrived home Tuesday afternoon from Memphis, Tenn., where she had been attending her daughter, Mrs. C. H. King, who has been ill, but is now convalescent.

Jack Cloud, of Denver, Colo., was here Monday. He contemplates moving to Kentucky and may locate near here or at Madisonville.

## Obituary.

Early, on the morning of Sept. 29, 1911 Mary Malinda Lamb, the mother of W. L. Wilson and daughter of James and Polly Lamb was called home after a long life full of service for the master and her church and neighbors. Jas. and Polly came to this county with their parents in 1800 and settled near where Quincy Wilson now lives. Aunt Malinda as every one called her, was born April 8, 1819 was married to Lysander H. Wilson Feb. 4 1847. Of this Union one child was born Quincey Lysander Wilsoe died Feb. 20, 1850. "Aunt Malinda" was married to Joseph Campbell Aug. 16 1867. He died March 11 1875. She spent the remainder of her days with her son. She professed religion at Piney Fork church when she was about 20 years of age. She joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Piney Fork and when the church was organized at Sugar Grove about 1840. She became a member as that was near her home. She was at one time the sexton of this church, a place she filled with much pleasure. She attended church as long as she was able, Rev. W. T. Oakley conducted the funeral services and she was buried in the cemetery at Sugar Grove.

Clerk of Session.

## Meter Drawings for Oct. 1st.

The October 1st meter drawing resulted as follows, J. R. Frazier R. E. Flanary, Home Telephone Company, W. L. Venner, Levi Cook.